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Applicant : Yoshikazu Umezu, et al.  
Application No. : 09/308,607  
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Title : METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF CERAMICS  
  
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Docket No. : 34650/DBP/A400

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of September 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 to 5 and 11 to 13, and add new claims 14 to 15. All of pending claims 1 to 5 and 11 to 15 follow:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for producing porous spherically-shaped bio-ceramics comprising dropping a starting material for ceramics into a low temperature medium, followed by freeze drying and then sintering the same, wherein the starting material is obtained by adding, to a calcium

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